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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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HOW DID GAY PRIDE WEEK BEGIN?

Gay Pride Week is an annual commemoration of the June 27, 1969 rebellion of Lesbians and Gay men in the Stonewall Inn, a bar in New York City, located on Christopher Street.

The bar was raided (again) by police. For the first time the patrons of the bar resisted. In fact the resistance continued for four more nights. After that the "officials" thought that the status quo had been restored, but "the Gays no longer were content to be as docile as they had been and out of the Stonewall riots came the Gay Liberation Front (Homosexuality, A History; Vern L. Bullough, Pg. 63)".

Del Martin, one of the founders of Daughters of Bilitis, remembers feeling like it was more a unification of grassroots activism, rather than a changing of people's feelings about themselves and the fact of their gayness.

This was a time when gay people stood up for themselves, not letting the police and the "establishment" harass and abuse them one more time. They stood up and fought back, declaring that we all have a right to our freedom. We all have a right to BE and out of that came the sure knowledge for many of us that we not only exist as whole, healthy people, but we can be proud of ourselves.

The last week in June is set aside by Gay communities across the country as that time when we remind ourselves that we can no longer be oppressed and abused just because of who we love.

For more information about the Gay Rights Movement, its history and its impact on our lives....come to the Step One booth at the Family Reunion Picnic on June 19.

We just might have something of interest to share with you.

OPEN LETTERS TO THE GAY COMMUNITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS AND SURROUNDING AREAS:

Coronation Candidates Supported

It's Coronation time again (June 18). This year we have two outstanding candidates for Emperor and Empress. They are, Dan Entler for Emperor XII and Barbara Granniss, candidate for Empress XIII. After meeting with them and listening to what they would like to accomplish when elected, my immediate response was, "I want to help too!"

Dan has plans to unify our community so that we can work together, while Barb has a number of fund raising activities planned for our community. This is only the tip of the iceberg of what they have planned for our future in this community.

I strongly urge you to support Dan and Barb for the sake of our community and for the sake of the whole Gay and Lesbian Pride movement. If you have any questions please get in contact with either Dan or Barb. I'm sure you too will be as excited as I am and want to get involved.

Please, once again, I strongly urge you to vote for Dan and Barb for Emperor and Empress XIII.

Sincerely,
Tim Sanders, Treasurer PPGCC

(ED. NOTE: IN A RECENT ISSUE OF "SPEAKOUT" SEVERAL PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THE QUESTION, "WHAT KIND OF SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE (PIKES PEAK GAY) COMMUNITY CENTER PROVIDE?"
THERE WERE SEVERAL RESPONSES. WHAT FOL-

LOWS IN "GAYSPEAK" ARE SOME RESPONSES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER TO THOSE REMARKS.)

In response to the May 1988 edition of SPEAKOUT, "You're on the Air," I would first like to say thank you to Lee Serrano for asking the question, "What kind of services would you like to see the community center provide?" and I hope we can answer some of the questions raised by those who responded.

But first I must say that I was somewhat puzzled and a little saddened by some of the responses. The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center has been here, in Colorado Springs in one form or another since 1979. I moved here in 1980 but it was not until 1985 when I decided to do something for myself, and I became involved in the Center. That was my responsibility.

I believe that it is everyone's individual responsibility to find out what is available to them, the individual...no one can force feed you information you do not want.

Several people wanted the Community Center to provide "alternatives to the bars." My answer to that is simply...be a Helpline volunteer, join Step One, Christopher Street, Sisters of Sappho, '40+ Women, Pikes Peak MCC, Christ Chapel, Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, The Colorado Athletic Exchange, Seek and Peek, GALA, GLBQ, GAY AA, Dignity, take part in Loving Me/Loving You activities, participate in the Family Reunion Picnic, etc. or start a group that meets needs not answered by any of these groups, we'll help.

Several people had concerns over the need for drug and alcohol counseling...we have a list of qualified counselors as well as information on Gay AA.

One person was interested in contributing his time to act as "a workshop facilitator to help educate the masses of people about the importance of getting involved in the political process." GREAT! We expect to see you at the next Board meeting and we can help you set up such a workshop. We certainly expect to see you at the Picnic, getting involved with the Community and having a positive effect politically and socially.

The "Quote of the Month" lambasted the Center for not including a "larger portion of the Gay community". We cannot drag people into our meetings. We can only make meeting places available, help get the word out and make referrals through our HELPLINE. We are also too "closeted" for this person. Since I don't know the person, it is difficult for me to believe he knows what the status of my "closet" is. He went on to say that there is "strength in numbers."

I agree wholeheartedly and once again we expect to see him at the next Board meeting, the Picnic, and the other PRIDE Week events, showing his Pride and willingness to bring our Community together.

Specific groups were asked for, including a "real professional's association." I'm sure we can expect to see that person at our next Board meeting, and we welcome him and his plan for such a group. The Board will help in whatever way we can to facilitate such a group. Perhaps Professional Social Network can be revitalized.

One person was concerned that the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado was the "head" of the Center. That is not at all true. What is true is that the Court is a part of the Gay Community and has in past years been very supportive of the Center and we expect continued mutual support between the Center, the Court and all other Community-based organizations.

The suggestion was made to have non-alcohol related sports events and outings. The Colorado Athletic Exchange would welcome you and your energy (see article).

Disturbing comments came from those who suggested that the current Board of Directors is merely providing "lip service" and that we should all be replaced.

We are all volunteers. The HELPLINE coordinator, editor of GAYSPEAK, and the Vice-President all volunteered after their predecessor's resignations. Elections are coming up this Fall. We welcome your involvement.

Come find out what the Center is all about, risk finding out just why we don't have a physical Center anymore (did you know there used to be?); RISK PUTTING YOUR ENERGY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. DO YOU REALLY CARE OR IS IT JUST TALK?

WE CARE AND WE WANT YOU, ALL OF YOU WITH US IF YOU ARE WILLING TO RISK BEING A POSITIVE, INVOLVED MEMBER OF THE GAY COMMUNITY.

We'll be seeing you, right?!!!

Sincerely,
Michelle Abdill, Editor, GAYSPEAK

BOARD MEMBER RESPONDS

After reading the May 88 edition of SPEAKOUT --editorial column, I was shocked and mad. My response is, where are you? Why aren't you a member of the Community Center and why don't you come to a Board meeting and give us (the Board members) your input?

Its almost impossible for seven Board members to know what 30,000+ Gays and Lesbians in the Colorado Springs and surrounding areas want and need. Out of the 30,000+ only 200 are members in the Community Center and approximately 3000 go to the bars.

WHERE IS EVERYONE? We claim we have Gay Pride and strength in numbers, but still the question remains, where are you?

We the Board of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center, try to center activities around our community. Our many support groups provide a viable alternative for many women and men. Out of our 200 members approximately 190 participate in the support groups and approximately 100 more non-members are also involved in Center sponsored groups.

WHERE ARE YOU? We not only need your input and physical support, but most importantly we need your financial commitment and time. The Center provides a newsletter and a Helpline, both cost money.

Some of you talked about the fact that we do not have a physical location. It's not good business to rent a building when we don't have the support (financial) of the community. The money we receive in membership dues, advertising and donations partially pay for the newsletter and the Helpline.

If you truly want to help, don't ask what the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center can do for you ask what you can do for your community and then do it. Get involved.

COME TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, JUNE 21 AT 7P.M. AND MEET US, WORK WITH US, HELP MAKE THE COMMUNITY CENTER A REALITY.

For more information, call the HELPLINE, 471-4GAY.

Sincerely,
Tim Sanders, Treasurer, PPGCC

ANOTHER COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBER SPEAKS OUT

I personally can not believe the sarcasm that was thrown at the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center as well as members of the Board, in the May issue of SPEAKOUT. I believe this mud slinging was totally uncalled for. The members of the Board volunteer their time and energy to HELP the Gay Community. Obviously there are people in our community that do not feel this way. These are the people that want something for nothing. Instead of voicing your opinions, get involved in the Community. It takes people that care enough to make things work and it seems that there are only a few of us that do.

I came out of the so called "closet" a few weeks ago and my life has totally changed for the better, thanks to the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center and the people involved. With the help of the HELPLINE, I was put in touch with Step One, Christopher Street, and Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church. I am also helping with the planning and publicity for the Gay Pride Week activities. I have gotten myself involved and I am enjoying every moment of it. Before I reach out for help I had only one friend, now I have many.

Gay Pride Week is June 18-26. Think about what YOU can do to help out our community and share the experience as I have. For more information concerning Gay Pride Week activities, call the HELPLINE at 471-4GAY.

Sincerely,
Rick G. Brown

THE CENTER PRESIDENT RESPONDS

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is still a functioning and viable resource to the Gay Community of Colorado. The Center sponsors a number of support groups in which the entire Board is involved, a first in the history of the Center. The groups are also networking and sharing participation in activities better than ever.

Our problem is that in a city in which approximately 35,000 Gays reside,

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only about 200 belong to the Center and most of those are involved at some level. So I can only conclude that the complaints coming from around the community are from non-members. My only response is if you don't bother to join and get involved, then you have no room to complain.

The center is looking into the possibility of moving into a space in the very near future. This means the future of the center is in your hands so put your money and effort where your mouth is, join and get involved.

Sincerely,
Ed Sells, President PPGCC

CENTER NEWS

BOARD MEETING REPORT: The May 17, 1988 meeting began at 7p.m. and adjourned at 9pm. Minutes of the April meeting were read by the GAYSPEAK Editor, and they were approved as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We may have a space for the Community Center. A local business person has made arrangements to sub-lease some space to PPGCC for use as a Center. If logistics can be worked out all that remains is the need for a COMMITMENT from this community to work together to do the remodeling that is need as well as see that there is the money to pay rent.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Vice-president has been contacted about the AIDS Memorial Wall being erected in Los Angeles. They are asking if we as a group or individuals would like to sponsor a plaque for someone who has died of AIDS. More information should be available soon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning checking balance as of 4/19/88 $216.18

Total deposits $422.00
(Loving Me/Loving You $200; Donations $10; Memberships $17; 40+ Women $25 for GAYSPEAK; Marianne $25 for postage; transfer from savings $150.)

Total debts $499.86
(Echo Print Newsletter for April and May $281.80, Postage $33.75, Loving Me/Loving You fee at Julie Penrose Center $40; LM/LY Meal from Picnic Basket $102; Helpline Phone $42.31)

Checking Balance as of 5/17/88 $143.32

HELPLINE REPORT: Christopher St., Step One and the Center itself are the support groups getting the most inquiries. The number of calls asking about bars is increasing (usually does in summer) and the overall number of calls is decreasing which is also usual for summer.

The number of messages being left for call-backs is increasing. The coordinator hopes to have the line staffed on Saturdays between 1 & 5 p.m.

The Helpline is being used more and more as a clearing house for information within the community. We need more volunteers to help keep this happening.

GAYSPEAK: We want to give a heartfelt thanks to Marianne and 40+ Women as well as our other advertisers. We are going to be able to keep going for a while longer. We hope to make this issue, the Pride issue the best yet.

We still need help in selling advertising...is there anyone out there who can help?

IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO: June marks ICSC's Coronation (June 18) and two candidates came to the Board Meeting. Barb Granniss and Dan Entler both spoke, expressing their desire to see our Gay/Lesbian Community more unified. They both see the need for the Court to be more involved with the Community as a whole and vice versa. See the calendar for a complete list of Court functions this month (current as of press time).

Barb also said that she and her supporters are selling yellow roses at the bars during the campaign. Half of the money will come to PPGCC and the other half will go to S-CAP. We want to thank her very much for her support both in energy and concern as well as money. It is indeed appreciated.

The Board also wants to thank both Dan and Barb for showing their concern and commitment to the community by coming to our Board meeting.

CHRISTOPHER ST.: Their next regularly scheduled meeting is set for May 23 at

Memorial Park, for a pot luck and volley ball game. June 4 they are planning to go to Cheyenne Canyon with 40+ Women for a Canyon clean-up and picnic. A complete schedule of their events is listed on the calendar.

Christopher St. invites anyone in the community (male or female) to join them in their Camping trip June 10, 11 and 12. They will be leaving the PPMCC parking lot promptly at 6:30p.m. on Friday the 10th, return time is up to the individual. It will cost just $7.00 for food. Sign up and money due at the May 6 meeting.

Plans are continuing for their B.B.Q. on June 24, all members have tickets to sell for both the 6:00p.m. and 7:30 sittings. (see article for more details)

SPEAKERS BUREAU: NO REPORT

PPMCC: SEE CALENDAR FOR TIMES AND EVENTS

CHRIST CHAPEL: SEE CALENDAR FOR TIMES AND EVENTS.

40+ WOMEN: The group decided to donate money specifically to support GAYSPEAK (a much appreciated donation). They are also planning to participate in the events with Christopher St. (see Christopher St. report) as well as their own meetings. See calendar for specific topics.

The group has also volunteered to help with the Picnic on the 19th, they will be helping with the set-up and lunch.

SISTERS OF SAPPHO: The group decided to put together a fund raising booth at the Picnic on the 19th, they will also be helping with the Picnic itself, as volunteers are needed.

During Pride Week, their meeting will cover Lesbian impact on our History.

STEP ONE: The group had a pot luck and work meeting on the 20th. At that time they began work on their booth for the picnic. They plan on offering informational handouts to the community, highlighting gay/lesbian culture. Their next meeting will be June 7 at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome--bring your ideas and resource information.

GALA: NO REPORT

GLBQ: NO REPORT

COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION: They are undergoing some changes and will be changing their meeting times and places. Their next meeting will be at 7p.m. at The Exit Lounge.

They plan to host a hay ride/trail ride and ice cream social on June 23 as their part in the Pride Week festivities. For more information, contact CGRA at 632-CGRA.

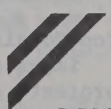
The group also invited PPGCC to share a booth with them at the PRIDEFEST in Denver, July 1-3 at the Regency Hotel. We gladly accepted. They will be paying for the booth, and we will coordinate volunteers and materials with CGRA.

NEW BUSINESS: This included discussion of a car pool to Denver for the March and Rally on the 26th. We will meet in the La Salle St. parking lot at 10a.m., and then drive to Denver where we will meet in the underground parking lot of the Radison Hotel off of 16th St. by 11:15p.m. and then join the rally in front of the State Capitol; then march to Cheeseman Park.

We also discussed the proposed new center which will cost us just $100.00 per month. The Board made it very clear that we have to have a commitment from the Community before we in debt ourselves even that much. We must see people in the Community be willing to physically and financially support a place.

DO YOU CARE? IF SO, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, CALL THE HELPLINE AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO.

The Board also discussed the possibility of utilizing the bulk mail system to help all of the Community Center organizations get their mailing done at a cheaper cost. We will pursue this. If your group is interested in participating, call the HELPLINE and leave a message for Michelle.



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SHARON KOWALSKI NAMED PARADE GRAND MARSHALL

Sharon Kowalski has been named Denver's Pride March Grand Marshall for 1988. This is part of a national effort to raise awareness of not only Kowalski's fate but the potential problems all of us face.

Locally (and in Denver) the campaign to "Free Sharon Kowalski" is headed by Rose Boden, and it is through her efforts that Kowalski has been named Grand Marshall.

Boden will be in New York City June 4 and 5 at the National Free Sharon Kowalski strategy meeting. She anticipates inviting the committee to meet in Colorado Springs next Fall. This will be an excellent opportunity for our area to not only host this nationally important group but to educate ourselves as well.

Boden points out that Sharon Kowalski is just one facet of an important lesbian/gay issue, how we protect our partners in the instance of our illness or death.

It is important to remember our legal "vulnerability" especially when it comes to relationships. Gay partners can have everything taken from them if their partner dies or is critically injured.

Are you protected? Do you have your partnership in order legally?

Boden has a great deal of information about these issues and is very willing to share them with groups and organization. For more information, call the HELPLINE.

GAY PRIDE WEEK 1988 IN COLORADO SPRINGS

The 1988 Gay Pride Week Celebrations begin with an all Gay Raft Trip on June 18, followed by Coronation festivities at 6p.m. that evening.

"The Awakening" is the theme for this year's Family Reunion Picnic, June 19. Picnic activities begin at 10a.m., lunch is scheduled from 11:30 to 12:30 (for just $2.50) and a Chinese auction will be held starting at 12:30 going till everything has been auctioned off and then various games and activities are planned for the rest of the afternoon.

In conjunction with the Picnic, several local organizations including the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center, Step One, Christ Chapel, Pikes Peak MCC, National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski, and others will have information/fun booths set up at the Picnic.

Tuesday, the Board of Directors is hosting an Open House, everyone in the Gay community is welcome and urged to attend.

Thursday, the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is planning a hay ride and ice cream social. Sisters of Sappho plan to hold a special meeting dealing with the impact Lesbians have had on history.

Friday Christopher St. will host a Texas style B.B.Q. (see advertisement for more information). They plan to donate a percentage of their profit to the PPGCC.

Saturday, a candlelight vigil is planned to remember AIDS Victims and Sharon Kowalski. This event is scheduled for 7p.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church. Everyone is welcome (bring a candle).

And Sunday, is the March in Denver, we will be car-pooling up to join the Denver celebration. (see calendar for more information.)

We urge everyone to attend as many of the functions as possible, not only to show your support of the Gay Community but to have some fun!

JUNE MEANS SPECIAL LOW, LOW MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

Traditionally, membership rates for the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center are

reduced during the month of June, Pride Month. 1988 is no exception.

You can join the Center and help us continue to print GAYSPEAK, provide meeting space for groups and eventually work towards our own space.

This year, in addition to membership privileges (which include receiving GAYSPEAK, access to the library when we have a space, potential discounts at various events and with various merchants in the area) you can also receive an information packet and a Lambda stamp and ink (lavender of course) pad.

The packets should have information about all participating groups, affiliated with the Community Center.

Pride Month memberships will be:

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Tickets are $8.00 in advance and $9.00 day of the dance and at the door,and are available at Category Six, The Book Garden, Beebo's, Left Hand Books, TLC meetings, or by phone. Call 1-303-449-0548 for ticket and work exchange information. Smoking outdoors only, please.

SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTERS SET FOR JULY

The Second Annual National Conference of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers is scheduled for July 20, 1988, in Boston.

This conference is being co-sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Centers of New York and Los Angeles and is being held in conjunction with the International Lesbian & Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum.

This year's conference will include time for the exchange of information and ideas as well as sessions on fundraising, program development, and organizational structure.

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DESERT AND MOUNTAIN STATES CONFERENCE ATTRACTED OVER 500 LESBIANS AND GAYS

The Desert and Mountain States Gay and Lesbian Conference in Denver (May 13-15) hosted over 500 Lesbians and Gays from Nevada, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

More than 60 workshops were held on Friday and Saturday with a free ranging variety of topics from "starting a Gay Band" to "Female Impersonation Panels," to "Gay History in the West" and "Lesbian Leadership".

I attended "Sexcess", the safe sex workshop run by CAP, a sensitivity session "Discovering the Faggot Within" which traced early feelings of difference, "Care Partner" and "AIDS Anxiety Counseling."

The workshops were the core of the conference but the speakers were "fantastic". Mayor Federico Pena gave a rousing welcome speech encouraging Gays and Lesbians to get actively involved in the political process; James Kepner, Director of the Lesbian and Gay Archives in Los Angeles, along with a number of pictures and paintings which were on display, presented a pithy and wry overview speech of Gays and Lesbians in history and those hidden within history. Ginny Apuzzo, Lesbian Activist, followed the Denver Gay Men's Chorus and the Denver Women's Chorus with oratory that was personal, making me laugh and cry and moved the audience to a 10 minute standing ovation.

Next year's meeting will be held in Salt Lake City in May. The Desert and Mountain States Conference decided to cooperate with the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men to be held in Dallas, April 13-16, 1989.

There were at least seven Lesbians and Gays from the UCCS faculty/student group but the other Colorado Springs attendees were among the missing. Plan for Salt Lake City and regional activities next year. It really makes you feel good to be Gay and Lesbian and involved. (submitted by, John C. Miller)

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With the recent surge in AIDS activism, the politically charged climate of an election year and the renewed energy stirred at October's March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Pride events everywhere could carry a strong political punch this year. The 1988 theme, "Rightfully Proud," will be echoed in most lesbian/gay pride celebrations around the globe. (GCN--E. Pincus)

WHY IS THE COLOR LAVENDER SIGNIFICANT TO GAYS?

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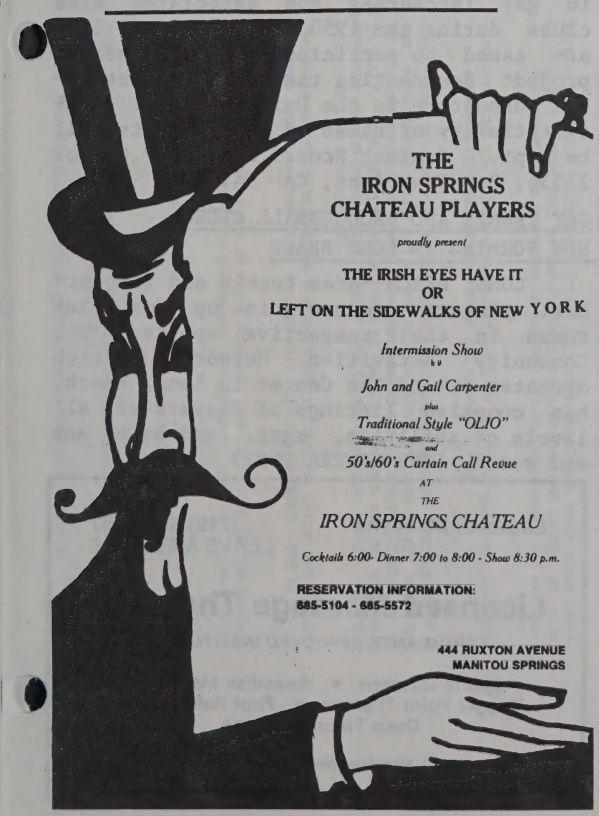
June 17 will be "Psychic Development Group;" June 18 "Healing Women and the Earth: A Workshop of Gemstones and Crystals;" June 19 "A Ritual for Women."

For further information call(303)722-4853 and ask for Rosalie.



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PRIDE MARCH AND PARADE SCHEDULED FOR DENVER

The Denver Pride March and Rally is set for Sunday June 26, beginning at noon in front of the State Capitol and moving to Cheeseman Park.

A car-pool will be formed in Colorado Springs at 10a.m. We will then drive to Denver and meet at the Radison Hotel's underground parking lot at 11:15a.m.

We hope to have a large contingent from the Springs, representing the Community Center and all of the other groups and gay people in our community.

COLORADO ATHLETIC EXCHANGE BECOMES A REALITY IN COLORADO SPRINGS

The Colorado Athletic Exchange will host its first "Social" in Colorado Springs on Friday June 17 at 7p.m.

This group is for gay men and women who are interested in a sports related social group. You do not have to be an athlete to join the group.

CAE organizers invite everyone to attend saying "Here's your chance to join in."

The meeting will be at 48 El Paso, Manitou Springs, for more information, call the HELPLINE.

PLAYWRIGHTS INVITED TO ENTER CONTEST

The Wallace Hamilton Memorial Playwrighting contest seeks scripts concerned with gay male relationships. Plays must be full-length and not under current option.

Winner will be awarded $500.00 option fee and a full-scale Off or Off-Off Broadway production in New York City during the 1988/89 season.

Scripts must be postmarked no later than August 15, 1988.

For more information call the HELPLINE and the GAYSPEAK editor will get back with you with the details.

NCBLG MOVES HEADQUARTERS TO DETROIT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays (NCBLG) has announced the relocation of its national headquarters from Washington, D.C., to Detroit, MI, effective May 16, 1988.

ISRAEL LEGALIZES GAY SEX

JERUSALEM--The Israeli Knesset recently passed a series of laws dealing with sex and crime which included the repeal of a law banning sex between consenting adults of the same gender.

The anti-gay sex law dates back to British Mandate-era Palestine, according to the Boston Herald, but no one had ever been prosecuted for homosexual activity. The law carried a ten year prison sentence. (GCN--J. McKnight)

QUARANTINE ADVOCATED FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (PWA's)

TALLAHASSEE, FL--Gov. Bob Martinez told a joint session of the Florida Legislature he supports legislation now pending in the state House and Senate which would permit quarantine of people with AIDS, according to the Boston Globe. (GCN--C.Wittke)

RESEARCH PROJECT LOOKING FOR LEATHERMEN

SAN FRANCISCO--Men who were involved in gay leathersex and associated bike clubs during the 1950's and before 1970 are asked to participate in a research project documenting the gay male leather-S/M subculture in the United States. Confidentiality of names of participants will be kept. Contact Stuart Norman, P.O. Box 11536, San Francisco, CA 94101.

GAY TENNIS AND RACQUETBALL CLUBS NOW FORMING IN LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH--Area tennis and racquetball players can now join up for club teams in their respective sports. The Community Activities Network, which operates out of The Center in Long Beach, has compiled listings of players of all levels of abilities, ages, and both men and women. (THE CENTER POST)

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JUNE, PRIDE MONTH SPECIAL CALENDAR:

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WED. JUNE 1: 40+ Women discuss Pros and Cons of being in a relationship 7p.m.; Pikes Peak MCC (PPMCC)Discussion Group/Bible Study 7p.m.

THURS. June 2: FIRST STAINED GLASS CLASS AT SASIES GLASS (see article In May issue) 7 to 10 p.m.; Sisters of Sappho (S.O.S) 7:30p.m.; IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO (ICSC) ALL CANDIDATE SHOW AT "2001", 9p.m.; PPMCC Choir Rehearsal 6:30p.m.

FRI. June 3: GAY AA 8p.m.; Krystyn Phillips Empress Candidate, ICSC SHOW, Hide & Seek 10:30 p.m.-12:30; Dan Entler, Emperor Candidate, Lasagna Dinner 6-9p.m., show 10p.m. at The Exit Lounge; GAY AA 8p.m.

SAT. June 4: Christopher St./40+ Women picnic and clean-up in Cheyenne Canyon (community invited); Barb Granniss, Empress Candidate, hosting Beer bust & B.B.Q., 1002 Walnut 2p.m.;Dan E. hosts Beer Bust and Hot Dogs, It's Country,

SUN. June 5: Christ Chapel 10:30a.m.; PPMCC Choir Practice, 4p.m.; Community Worship & Social Hour 5p.m.; Barb hosts ICSC Western Show at It's Country 9p.m.;

MON. June 6: Christopher St. Meeting and activity, Putt Putt Golf, 6p.m.; PRIDE WEEK PLANNING MEETING FINAL DEADLINE (see article) 7p.m.; GAY AA p.m.

TUES. June 7: Step One meeting to work on Picnic 7p.m.

WED. June 8: 40+ Women, monthly planning night and birthday celebration, 7p.m.; PPMCC Discussion Group/Bible Study 7p.m.

THURS. June 9: Sisters of Sappho 7p.m.; PPMCC Choir Rehearsal, 6:30p.m.

FRI. June 10: Christopher St. Camping Trip Begins; David Eidson, ICSC Emperor Candidate, hosts show at Hide & Seek, 10:30-12:30; Barb hosts ICSC Dinner at The Exit Lounge, 6p.m. and show at 9p.m.; GAY AA 8p.m.

SAT. June 11: Christopher St. camping trip continues; Barb hosts ICSC show, Barb and The Playgirl Follies, Hide & Seek, 10p.m.; All Candidate Shows The Exit Lounge, 7:30p.m., It's Country 11p.m. and Hide & Seek 12p.m.

SUN. June 12: Christopher St. camping trip concludes; ICSC OPEN VOTING FOR COURT POSITIONS, 12 noon to 5p.m., Dale Motel, 620 W. Colorado Ave. ALL SOUTHERN COLORADO RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (see articles) Christ Chapel 10:30a.m.; PPMCC Choir Practice 4p.m.; PPMCC Community Worship/Social Hour 5p.m.

MON. June 13: Colorado Gay Rodeo Association (CGRA) general membership meeting, The Exit Lounge, 7p.m.; ICSC "Awards Show" at The Exit, 9p.m.; GAY AA 8p.m.

TUES. June 14: HELPLINE MEETING 7p.m.; Tracy Diane hosts ICSC Hospitality Suite Show at The Exit.

WED. June 15: 40+ Women 7p.m.; PPMCC Discussion Group/Bible Study 7p.m.; ICSC Stepping Down Shows at the Exit Lounge 10p.m. and Hide & Seek at 12p.m.; PPMCC Discussion Group/Bible Study 7p.m.

THURS. June 16: S.O.S. 7:30p.m.; ICSC In Town Show at Hide & Seek 10p.m.; Choir Rehearsal 6:30p.m.

FRI. June 17: Colorado Athletic Exchange Social, 7p.m. (see article); ICSC Out of Town Show at Hide & Seek, 9p.m.; GAY AA 8p.m.

GAY PRIDE WEEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS WILL BEGIN OUR "AWAKENING" ON:

SATURDAY June 18: All-Gay rafting trip down the Arkansas River, beginning at 5a.m. for breakfast at the Dennys (I-25 & Circle); ICSC Hospitality Suite at the Hilton (I-25 & Garden of the Gods) 1p.m. to 4p.m. and Coronation begins at 6p.m. at Rocky's Roost Room, Rocky Mountain Greyhound Park, 3701 N. Nevada.

SUNDAY June 19: The Third Annual PPGCC Family Reunion Picnic all members and supporters of our community are invited to attend. Picnic activities are scheduled to begin at 10a.m., including lunch 11:30 to 12:30; Chinese Auction at 12:30 and a variety of activities including three-legged race, egg-toss, etc. will continue through the afternoon. For more information see article under CENTER NEWS.
Christ Chapel 10:30a.m. service; PPMCC Choir Practice 4p.m.; PPMCC Community Worship/Social Hour 5p.m.

MONDAY June 20: GAY AA 8p.m.

TUESDAY June 21: PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING--The Board invites the Community to join us for an Open House, 7p.m., refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY June 22: 40+ Women will discuss "How to be proud of being Gay." 7p.m.; PPMCC Discussion Group/Bible Study 7p.m.

THURSDAY June 23: Sisters of Sappho will discuss Lesbian's impact on History, 7:30p.m.; CGRA WILL HOST A HAYRIDE/TRAIL RIDE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY; PPMCC Choir Rehearsal, 6:30p.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 24: CHRISTOPHER STREET WILL BE PUTTING ON A TEXAS STYLE BAR-B-QUE. THERE WILL BE TWO SITTINGS, ONE AT 6P.M THE SECOND AT 7:30. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE ($7.95 per person). See add for menu.

SATURDAY JUNE 25: AIDS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL OF PRAYER AT ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH, ALL CHURCHES AND PEOPLE ARE WELCOME 7 P.M.

SUNDAY JUNE 26: CAR POOL TO THE MARCH AND RALLY IN DENVER. MEET AT 11:15 IN THE UNDERGROUND PARKING LOT AT THE RADISON HOTEL OFF 16TH STREET IN DENVER. WE WILL CAR-POOL UP TO DENVER FROM THE PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF "2001" ON E. LA SALLE. THE RALLY BEGINS AT NOON AT THE STATE CAPITOL AND THE MARCH WILL CONTINUE TO CHEESEMAN PARK. THERE WILL BE NON-MOTORIZED FLOATS, BANNERS, PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED, ETC.

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MON. June 27: Gay AA 8p.m.

TUES. June 28:

WED. June 29: 40+ Women will discuss dealing with children, 7p.m.; PPMCC Discussion group/Bible Study 7p.m.

THURS. June 30: S.O.S. 7:30p.m.; PPMCC Choir rehearsal, 6:30p.m.

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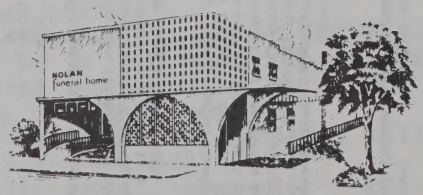

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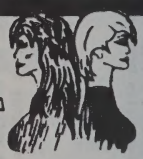

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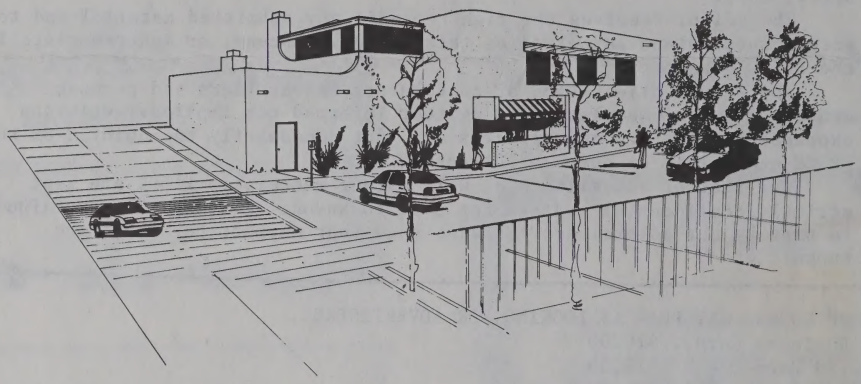

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